

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, would you like to close on your amendment, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I would just simply ask Senator Schmit to reconsider the amendment at least. I have no problem with him opposing the bill, but I think that the more he learns about the amendment I think he could probably live with the amendment, because it is just simply trying to put the cost-share language in the appropriate spot, which is the enforcement aspect of the bill in Section 7. I have no problem with those of you that have concerns with the bill itself. But I think this amendment is needed in order to make the bill a little cleaner. In fact, we can argue the merits or demerits of this issue at the time we get to the bill. But the amendment is not an attempt to do an end run on the cost-share, because as I said previously, I am supportive of the cost-share concept. As I said, I think that this simply helps clarify that aspect of the bill. And, like I said, we can argue the importance of this bill when we get to that point.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the Rod Johnson amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Johnson amendment is adopted. Do you have anything else on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have on the bill is by Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit would move to indefinitely postpone the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: What do you think, Senator Rod Johnson?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Noting the length of time that this issue is going to take and the fact that we're ten minutes from noon, I'll just lay the bill over until tomorrow, if that would be appropriate.